



**American Short Line and  
Regional Railroad Association**

*The Voice of America's Independent Railroads*

October 7, 2005

Honorable Vernon Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Room 715  
1925 K Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Ex Parte No. 658: The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Staggers Rail Act of 1980: A  
Review and Look Ahead

Dear Secretary Williams:

I have been asked by Charles Swinburn, Chief Executive Officer of RailAmerica, Inc., to submit his formal notice of intent to participate in the public hearing scheduled for October 19, 2005 in the above-referenced matter. He will testify concerning the perspective of the multi-short line railroad holding company on the profound effects of the passage of the Staggers Act on rail transportation and his view of the short line industry going forward. Mr. Swinburn has requested 10 minutes for his testimony.

Sincerely,

*Keith T. Borman*

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Vice President & General Counsel

cc: Charles Swinburn